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## **José Menéndez**

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### **State Senator José Menéndez Lays Out "Euthanasia As Last Resort" Bill**

Austin, Texas - State Senator José Menéndez filed Senate Bill 1781 to protect the lives of innocent animals and prevent killing out of convenience. Today, he will present the bill to the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations.

Every year, thousands of companion animals are euthanized in Texas. This bill will ensure that any animal euthanized will be for justifiable reasons.

"If there are empty kennels in an animal control facility, they should not kill an animal just for the sake of convenience," said Menéndez.

Shelters located in certain counties or municipalities will be required to use all available kennel space where they can safely house a companion animal instead of euthanizing it.

"Our bill does not dictate when a shelter should euthanize an animal, only when it should not," stated Menéndez. "It's important that we are maximizing kennel space because one day that dog or cat could be someone's pet."

The aim of Senate Bill 1781 is to save as many animal lives as possible, not over burden shelters.

"I know our shelters are working hard every day. My goal isn't to add more to their load, but to ensure we can find as many animals a foster home or permanent family," said Menéndez.

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